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Heagney Calls for Tax Deduction for College Costs



Simsbury Legislator Advocates Income Tax Deduction for CHET

HARTFORD- State Representative Rob Heagney (R-Simsbury) today joined State Treasurer Denise Napier and a bi-partisan coalition of legislators in proposing a plan to create a state income tax deduction for contributions into the Connecticut Higher Education Trust (CHET), the state's college savings program, allowing for a tax deduction on contributions of up to \$5,000 for single filers, and \$10,000 for couples who file jointly.

"This important proposal will allow Connecticut residents to save more effectively for one of the most vital and important investments anyone can ever make; that of their children's future," said Representative Heagney. "Investment for higher education costs is critical, as costs for tuition continue to rise dramatically. The CHET program is intended to be a partner with parents saving for college costs, and this deduction will help them in that cause."

Many states offer incentives for families to invest in their state-sponsored college savings program, and this measure would allow Connecticut to become competitive in that area, and invest in an educated workforce.

Contributions made to CHET are exempt from both state and federal taxes. CHET offers three investment options with varying degrees of risk. Plans for additional options are being finalized, and are expected to be made available this spring.

For more information on the CHET program, visit www.aboutchet.com where you can review options and even open an account online.